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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER ARRON'S VISIT TO 31ST UNGA

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1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED MANY OF THE SUBJECTS INCLUDED IN REFTEL WITH WORKING LEVEL OF MINISTRY FOR GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER 30 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER/FOREIGN MINISTER HENCK ARRON PROVIDED AMBASSADOR WITH OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE DURING 31ST UNGA DIRECTLY WITH SURINAM'S PRINCIPAL DECISION MAKER ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ARRON HAD NO IDEAS OF HIS OWN TO OFFER ON SUBJECTS RAISED BY AMBASSADOR, WHICH INCLUDED SOUTHERN AFRICA, ZIONISM, CYPRUS, THE SAHARA, UNWRA, INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS, INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, UNCTAD, UN BUDGET, AND A SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT, BUT EXPRESSED DISIRE TO DISCUSS THEM FURTHER WITH UN AMBASSADOR SCRANTON WHEN HE IS IN NEW YORK. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD INFORM AMBASSADOR SCRANTON.

2. ARRON DID RAISE QUESTION OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH CUBA. NOTING THAT HE EXPECTED A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU HANDLING INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS TO BE IN NEW YORK AT THE TIME OF ARRON'S VISIT THERE, AMBASSADOR
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ASKED IF PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MEETING

WITH HIM TO DISCUSS CUBA OR ANY OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST
ARRON MIGHT HAVE. ARRON REPLIED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO
ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING AND WOULD ASK SURINAM'S UN
AMBASSADOR HEIDWEILER TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: AS BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN
MINISTER AND AS THE ONLY PERSON IN SURINAM WHO MAKES
FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS, ARRON SHOULD MEET WITH THE
HIGHEST RANKING US OFFICIAL IN NEW YORK AT THE TIME OF
HIS VISIT. BASED ON INFORMATION WE HAVE NOW, THIS WOULD
PRESUMABLY BE AMBASSADOR SCRANTON, AND WE STRONGLY URGE
THAT HE MEET WITH ARRON FOR 45 MINUTES TO AN HOURS. WE ALSO
HOPE THAT A MEETING WILL BE ARRANGED BETWEEN ARRON AND
SENIOR ARA OFFICER WHO WILL BE IN NEW YORK AT THAT TIME FOR
A DISCUSSION OF US CONCERNS IN LATIN AMERICA, PARTICULARLY
OUR VIEW OF CUBA AND ITS ROLE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.
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